



National Science Foundation

Competitive Position Vacancy

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: C20010051

OPEN: 11/22/2000

CLOSE: 12/04/2000

**HOURS OF WORK FOR THIS POSITION ARE 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM OR 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM.
THE INCUMBENT IS OFTEN REQUIRED TO WORK OVERTIME.**

POSITION VACANT: Secretary (Office Automation), GS-318-10/11. Annual salary ranges from \$38,885 to \$55,541.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: Secretary (Office Automation), GS-318-11.

LOCATION: Office of the Director, Arlington, VA.

BARGAINING UNIT STATUS: This position is excluded from the bargaining unit and will be filled in accordance with the Merit Promotion Plan described in NSF Manual 14 (PER II-500).

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources. This position is open to status and non-status candidates, as well as candidates eligible for appointment under special non-competitive appointing authorities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The incumbent of this position serves as Secretary and confidential assistant to the Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Foundation is authorized and directed to initiate and support basic scientific research and programs; strengthen scientific research potential and science education programs; support scientific and educational activities; appraise the impact of research upon industrial development and upon the general welfare; award scholarships and graduate fellowships; and foster the interchange of scientific information among scientists in the U.S. and foreign countries. The incumbent:

- Must be fully informed of the Deputy Director's views on current issues and briefs staff on those views when appropriate. Transmits the Deputy Director's oral instructions and advice when necessary in order that projects can be completed as expeditiously as possible. Follows up on staff assignments, adapts policy for emergency situations, and establishes practices and procedures for new situations.
- Serves as liaison between the Deputy Director and various offices informing them of immediate and future plans which have direct bearing on their activities. This is of particular importance in scheduling meetings or conferences by the staff in which the Deputy Director is expected to participate.
- Anticipates topics of discussion in scheduling meetings, assembles on own initiative pertinent material about which questions may be raised during the discussion. Coordinates the preparation of and/or prepares briefing materials for the use of the Deputy Director for presentation to various audiences.
- Maintains the Deputy Director's appointment calendar and commits his time without prior clearance. Uses own discretion in establishing priorities when committing the Deputy Director's time in view of the many demands upon his time. Must use own initiative in arranging for Foundation representation at meetings and conferences by other members of the staff when this is necessary and desirable.
- Reviews incoming correspondence for the Deputy Director's signature and is authorized to return for correction or revision that which does not reflect Foundation policies or conform to established procedures.

Reviews incoming mail and prepares final or draft replies for the signature of the Deputy Director. Provides previous correspondence and background information for files for the Deputy Director's use in handling the daily volume of mail.

- Receives telephone calls and visitors. Uses own knowledge of NSF and judgment in referring calls to the Deputy Director, handling many of the calls personally, and referring the remainder to appropriate Foundation staff.
- Establishes secretarial procedures as needed. Identifies and anticipates office management issues and recommends solutions. In order to accomplish assignments, is required to use office automation technology, using software types such as word processing, spreadsheets, database management, electronic mail, electronic calendar, electronic time and attendance, and graphics.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: The Qualification Standards Handbook for General Schedule Positions will apply. U.S. CITIZENSHIP IS REQUIRED. Applicants must possess one year of specialized experience at the GS-9 and GS-10 levels respectively. Applicants must type at least 40 words per minute with three or less errors. **Specialized experience:** is experience that has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position to be filled. **Time-in-Grade Requirement:** Completion of one year of service in a position at the next lower grade level in the normal line of promotion progression for this occupation.

QUALITY RANKING FACTORS:

- Ability to compose, proofread, and edit correspondence.
- Ability to meet and deal with individuals at all levels of an organization.
- Ability to schedule appointments and arrange meetings, including making reservations, travel arrangements assembling necessary materials.
- Ability to research, assemble and summarize information and materials for meetings and other scheduled appointments.
- Knowledge of office management practices and administrative concepts.

BASIS FOR RATING: Final ranking is based on an evaluation of your experience, education and training as they relate to the knowledge, skills and abilities specified in the Selective Factor, if any, and the Quality Ranking Factors. Current performance appraisal and awards may also be used in the evaluation process.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: Appointment to this position is contingent upon successful completion of the appropriate background investigation. Top Secret clearance will be required. Satisfactory completion of a one-year probationary period may also be required.

HOW TO APPLY: You may apply for this position with the *Optional Application for Federal Employment* (OF-612), the older *Application for Federal Employment* (SF-171), a resume, or other application format of your choice - so long as it contains the necessary information (summarized below). Status candidates must also submit a *Notification of Personnel Action* (SF-50), showing competitive status, and a current Performance Appraisal. In order to ensure full consideration, it is recommended that you submit a supplemental statement which specifically addresses how your background and experience relate to each Selective and Quality Ranking Factor listed on this announcement.

Status candidates who wish to be considered under both merit promotion and delegated competitive examining procedures must submit two complete applications. If only one application is received, it will be considered under the merit promotion program.

Applicants who are eligible for appointment under special non-competitive appointing authorities must clearly specify specific eligibility and provide proof with application. Otherwise, the application will be considered under competitive procedures.

Applicants applying for special selection priority under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program must submit proof of eligibility (i.e., RIF separation notice, *Notification of Personnel Action* (SF-50) stating you were separated by RIF, OR a letter from your agency documenting your special selection priority status); copy of your current performance appraisal; and documentation of promotion potential in the position from which separated. To be determined well qualified to receive special selection priority for this position, you must meet all qualification and eligibility requirements, all selective factors, and be rated at the above average level or higher in each quality ranking factor.

Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after three years or more of continuous active service may apply. Veteran candidates should attach a copy of your DD-214; and, if applicable, *Application for 10-Point Veteran's Preference* (SF-15), along with documentation specified on the form. (This is not necessary for status candidates for consideration under merit promotion procedures).

The National Science Foundation provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

You must specify the job announcement number, and title and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying. You should also provide the following information: • Your country of citizenship. • Your social security number. • Information about your education, including (1) high school graduation date and (2) college/university information - your major, and type and year of degree(s). If no degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours. • Information about all your work experience related to this job, including job titles, duties and accomplishments, employer's name and phone number, number of hours worked per week, starting and ending dates (month and year), and annual salary. If you held various positions with the same employer, describe each separately. • If you have Federal civilian experience, indicate the highest grade held, the job series, and dates held. • The brochure *Applying for a Federal Job* provides information on the Federal job application process; it is available by calling the number listed below. **If your application does not provide all the information requested in the vacancy announcement, you may lose consideration for this job.**

Submit all application material to National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 315, Arlington, VA 22230. Attn: Announcement Number C20010051. In addition to the required application materials, you are asked to complete and submit the attached Applicant Survey form. Submission of this form is voluntary and will not affect your application for employment. The information will be used for statistical purposes only. **ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.** For additional information call Fred Person on (703) 292-4369. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
APPLICANT SURVEY**

**OMB No. 3145-0096
Expiration: August 2002**

Vacancy Ann. #: _____

Position Status (temporary/permanent): _____

Position Title/Series/Grade: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Your completion of this form will be appreciated. Submission of this Information is voluntary and it will have no effect on the processing of your application. The data collected will be used only for statistical purposes to ensure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3145-0096. NSF estimates that each respondent should take about 3 minutes to complete this survey, including time to read the instructions. You may have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden. If so, please send them to NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Division of Administrative Services, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. 22230.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

GENERAL - This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 31, 1974, for individuals completing Federal records and forms that solicit personal information.

AUTHORITY - Section 7201 of title 5 of the U.S. Code and Section 2000e-16 of title 42 of the U.S. Code.

PURPOSE AND ROUTINE USES

The information is used for research and for a Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) to help insure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Address questions concerning this form and its uses to the Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230.

1. Today's Date: _____

2. Year of Birth: _____

3. How did you learn about the particular position for which you are applying? (Circle appropriate number.)

01 - Newspaper (specify)

10 - Federal, State or local job information center

02 - Contact with NSF Personnel Office

11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or

(Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement)

Veterans Administration

03 - NSF-initiated personal contact

12 - State employment office

04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine

13 - School or college counselor or other official

(specify)

14 - Private job Information service

05 - Affirmative Action Register

15 - Private employment service

06 - Attendance at conference, meeting or job fair

16 - Friend or relative working at NSF

(specify)

17 - Friend or relative not working at NSF

07 - NSF recruitment at school or college

18 - NSF website

08 - Colleague referral

19 - Internet or other website

09 - NSF Bulletin

20 - Other (specify)

4. Please select the racial/ethnic category with which you most closely identify yourself. (Circle the appropriate letter)

A. **American Indian or Alaskan Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

B. **Asian or Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

C. **Black, not of Hispanic origin.** A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. This does not include persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish cultures or origins.

D. **Hispanic.** A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

E. **White, not of Hispanic origin.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa or the Middle East. This does not include persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish cultures or origin.

5. Sex (Circle the appropriate letter.) F - Female M - Male

6. Please provide Information on your disability status by circling the appropriate category below:

1. I do not have a disability; 2. Hearing impairment; 3. Vision impairment; 4. Missing extremities; 5. Partial paralysis; 6. Complete paralysis; 7.

Convulsive disorder; 8. Mental retardation; 9. Mental or emotional illness; 10. Severe distortion of limbs and/or spine; 11. I have a disability but it is not listed.

FOR AGENCY USE

Agency Code: _____

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